

REMARKS

Consideration of the above-identified application in view of the preceding amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. The changes to the claims have not been necessitated by the need to distinguish the present invention from any prior art. It is further submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the amended and new claims, as support therefor is found throughout the specification and drawings.

The claim fees incurred as a result of this amendment are calculated as follows:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	43	40	3	\$18.00	\$54.00
Independent Claims	3	3	0	\$86.00	0
Multiple Dependent Claim	0				0
				Total:	\$54.00

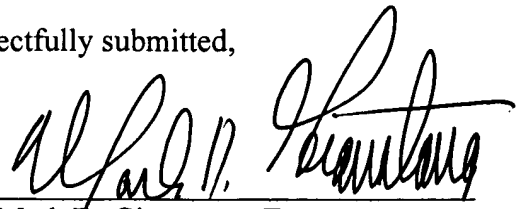
The claim fees total \$54.00. Authorization is hereby given to charge the \$54.00 in claim fees to Deposit Account 50-1402.

No additional fees are believed to be required for this Amendment. However, if any fee is required, or otherwise if necessary to cover any deficiency in fees already paid, authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1402.

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Respectfully submitted,

By:

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